

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Listing of the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of painting a substrate with an emulsion paint comprising spherical polymer particles, comprising the steps of:
applying ~~[[a]]~~ an opaque first coating in a first at least one opaque layer, said first coating being a water-borne emulsion of a styrene acrylic copolymer; and
applying ~~the~~ said emulsion paint comprising spherical polymer particles in at least one a ~~second~~ semi-opaque-layer over the ~~first~~ opaque first coating layer,
wherein the spherical polymer particles in the emulsion paint show a particle size distribution in which 3-10% of the particles have a ~~an average~~ particle size between 63-90 micrometers and 25-40% have a particle size between 40-63 micrometers; and
wherein spherical particles are pre-pigmented, the pigment content of the particles being between 3-40 wt%.
2. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the at least one opaque layer is a first color and the at least one semi-opaque layer is a second color, and the first color and the second color are corresponding ~~the same~~.
3. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the opaque first coating layer is ~~made of an aqueous pigmented primer comprising an acrylic binder~~.
4. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the ~~second~~ at least one semi-opaque layer is applied by brush in cross-way fashion.
5. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the at least one ~~second~~ semi-opaque layer is applied by a roller and, further comprising:
dragging a flat side of a tool provided with fibrous material over the freshly applied ~~second~~ semi-opaque layer.

6. (Previously Presented) A substrate provided with a multi-layer effect coating applied by the method according to claim 1.
7. (Currently Amended) An emulsion paint composition comprising:
spherical polymer particles, wherein 3-10% of the spherical particles have a particle size between 63-90 micrometers and 25-40% of the spherical particles have a particle size between 40-63 micrometers and wherein spherical particles are pre-pigmented, the pigment content of the particles being between 3-40 wt%.
8. (Previously Presented) The paint composition according to claim 7, wherein at least a portion of the spherical particles are polyurethane particles.
9. (Previously Presented) The paint composition according to claim 7, wherein the particles have a specific density between 0.8-1.5 g/cm³.
10. (Cancelled)
11. (Previously Presented) The paint composition according to claim 7, wherein the paint comprises wood fibers with a length between 25-35 microns.
12. (Currently Amended) A set of paint products comprising:
a semi-opaque emulsion paint according to claim 7 of a first color; and
an opaque aqueous styrene acrylic coating composition of a second color,
wherein the first color and the second color are corresponding ~~the same~~.
13. (Previously Presented) The set of paint products according to claim 12, further comprising: a tool with a flat side provided with a fibrous material.
14. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 5, wherein the fibrous material comprises stiff parallel projecting fibers.

15. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 5, wherein the fibrous material comprises synthetic grass fibers.